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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7148
BILL NUMBER: HB 1355

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2007
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Towing Abandoned Vehicles.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bardon
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: <u>X</u> GENERAL
 <u>X</u> DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a vehicle that is identified by a license plate or decal as a vehicle used to transport a person with a disability is not considered abandoned and may not be removed until 14 days after an officer tags the vehicle (instead of 72 hours for other vehicles). The bill provides that a vehicle believed to be abandoned may be removed immediately in an emergency situation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The proposal may reduce the number of abandoned vehicles. In CY 2004, there were approximately 160,000 license plates issued for disabled individuals.

Background Information: All revenue collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for abandoned vehicles is paid into the Abandoned Vehicle Fund to be used to pay administrative expenses of the Fund. At the end of every fiscal year, all monies in excess of $37,000 are transferred to the Motor Vehicle Highway Account. Revenue for FY 2006 amounted to $570,000.

Cities of the first and second class and counties may elect to sell and keep revenues from vehicles abandoned in their jurisdictions (IC 9-22-1-23, 27). The city or BMV is responsible for notifying the owner of the vehicle.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: LSA *Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations FY 2006*, page 276.

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